

This Frightened Woman Needs Some More Advice

"Please rush me your second stage advice," writes a frightened woman. "You must have anticipated we would need a whole new set of rules as soon as we complied with all the advice you give us."

"I have followed your teaching religiously for 18 months. Now my home is breaking up and I am in hot water with my husband most of the time (no, NOT in the bathtub!)."

"I changed my hair color, took off

Talk about courage, you have it, and we women need it. Here's one for your book! When I called another woman's attention to your column she said 'I wish someone had awakened me to these facts. I lost my man by being a mess. Wish I had the chance to do a better job.' It does take courage and you have got it."

—R.C.

But real women like yourself and your friend realize that I write from the heart, so it doesn't take much courage. I need it only to defend myself against those messes who know I'm talking about them. But I hope to make them extinct like the old buffalo cow, one of these days.

"Dear Count Marco: Being 15 I have a question that has plagued many girls going to all-girl high schools. Where can I meet good, wholesome boys? I am not ugly, in fact, considered very cute by the wrong people. Going to dances doesn't help, because the boys ask just the ratted-hair, too-short-and-too-tight-skirt - and - sweater girls. I would appreciate any advice from you."

—HELP

"P.S. I do not have bad breath."

My advice to you, young lady, is to save your breath—good or bad—and concentrate on your school subjects.

"Dear Count Marco: Your Beauty and Beast column is truly a masterpiece of a madman. Were you born or hatched? We would go through fire for the man we love, but that man has to show his love to us first. Keep on writing!"

—MRS. L.P.

"P.S. If you think me a bitter woman, ask any garage owner in Hollywood; they call me Dixie. My husband is a rare one."

You're pretty rare yourself, honey!

Second stage on the way. Meanwhile, enjoy yourself. But do give back the liver next time.

"Dear Count Marco: I don't think the dear male really knows, let alone realizes, how important it is for him to be emotionally superior to his wife. Most women are terribly alone, and their primary desire is to be with someone who knows them totally. When a man does know his woman most intimately, all it usually takes when she comes out feisty is a 'straighten up and fly right, or else' to calm her down. One could delve into this quite deeply. This is merely food for thought."

—G.T.

Thank you. Let's hope more women in this country will go along with your theory and chew on it a bit; but not many are going to swallow it, believe me.

My Dear Count Marco: I began my daily ritual by reading your column.

ANN LANDERS



Here Are Two Viewpoints

Dear Ann Landers: For crying in the grog, will you please quit wasting valuable newspaper space on those squirrely teenage "problems." The kids who write have a different beef every five minutes—especially the girls—they sound as if the world is coming to an end. I'll be by the time their letters appear in print they have forgotten who the clown was they were writing about.

In the past two weeks I've read nonsense from a sitter who complained about not getting fed while on the job, a boring thing from a girl whose parents fight all the time, and a stupid request for a cure for acne. You've also printed letters from kids whose friends are shoplifters and smoke pot. Such letters should not get space in your column. It makes the writer feel important.

Please use your brains on the adults who need your help, Ann. The punks can manage for themselves. Besides, they probably don't listen to you anyway.

—STEADY ANN FAN

Dear Steady: Thanks for your point of view. Here's someone else's:

Dear Ann Landers: I am a teen reader who would like to make a request. Please, Ann, make sure there is at least one teenage problem in your column every day. The punks are faithful readers and when we get passed over completely we feel very let down, like ignored.

Many teenagers have no one to confide in. Your column is a wonderful place to unload without fear of humiliation or embarrassment. We also learn a lot from the kids who have made mistakes and written to say so. So please, Ann, pay more attention to us. We really need you.

—TRUE BLUE TO YOU

Dear True: I can't promise, but I will try to publish one teenage letter every day. Thanks for your vote of confidence.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from the wife who complained because she and her husband must go visit her 79-year-old mother-in-law "several times a year." She said the old lady lives 140 miles away and the trips are a big, fat bore.

My mother-in-law lives two blocks away and she drives me and my husband nuts. She thinks nothing of telephoning at 7:30 in the morning and asking him to go get her a pint of coffee cream or a loaf of bread. And no matter where she goes, he has to drive her.

I hope the woman who complained sees this letter and realizes how lucky she is. I'd be happy to go visit her mother-in-law "several times a year" if she'd play handmaiden to my mother-in-law around the clock.

—WORN OUT

Dear Worn: Sorry I can't arrange the switch but thanks for writing.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Garden Checklist

1. Deep watering is essential in August to keep lawns and shrubs happy. Hand-held sprinklers are seldom held long enough to do the most good.
2. Many India Azaleas are getting set for fall bloom. Be sure to water them frequently and feed them this month with an acid fertilizer.
3. Plant berried shrubs such as Pyracantha, Holly, and Cotoneaster now for color in fall and winter.
4. Prune out the old fruiting canes on cane berries. Next year's crop will come from this year's growth.
5. Stop pinching out the growing shoots of Chrysanthemums. Except for removing excess side buds, these should be let to grow now.

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HIGH SEAS PIRATES . . . Reanna Caustin gets the once-over from four lively pirates during festivities at the 18th annual picnic held for employes at Pacific Smelting Corp. More than 300 persons were on hand at Torrance Park last Saturday for the annual event. The pirates are (from left) Jake Alvarez, David J. Ortiz, Jerry Richardson, and Art Ortiz. (Press-Herald Photo)

Soldier Awarded Army Aid Medal

A 21-year-old Torrance soldier has been awarded the Air Medal for heroism in Vietnam.

He is Spec. 5 Gary J. Thornhill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Thornhill of 1028 Cranbrook Ave.

The medal was presented during special award ceremonies at Edwards Air Force Base. He also received the Army Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart.

SPECIALIST Thornhill was cited for his actions during an aerial flight in connection with ground operations against enemy forces in Vietnam.

Specialist Thornhill, the citation accompanying the

medal read, "repeatedly exposed himself to hostile ground fire as he engaged the enemy emplacements with a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire and succeeded in neutralizing several of them."

HE WAS serving as a helicopter crew chief during combat operations in the Que San Valley.

Thornhill was wounded when he engaged the enemy while his aircraft was rescuing the crew of a downed helicopter.

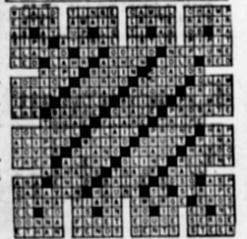
A 1964 graduate of Torrance High School, Specialist Thornhill attended El Camino College. He entered the Army in April, 1966.

Congressman To Address GOP Group

Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-28th District) will address the South Bay Young Republicans Monday, Aug. 12.

The meeting is to be held at Lococo's Restaurant in Manhattan Beach, beginning at 8 p.m. It is open to the public.

Bell will discuss pending legislation in the 90th Congress.



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